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TO : THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON.

August 21, 1958
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REF : Joint Embassy/USOM Message No. 85, August 20, 1958

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SUBJECT: Transmitting Note from Prime Minister Requesting Extraordinary U.S. Financial Assistance

There is enclosed, for the information of the Department, an English translation of the first person Note from the Libyan Prime Minister, dated August 12, 1958, concerning the measures required to be taken by the Government of Libya as a result of the Middle East crisis, and requesting a special grant of $1 million from the United States to enable the Government of Libya to meet the resultant, unforeseen expenditures.

A copy of my acknowledgment of the above Note also is enclosed.

J. Wesley Jones
American Ambassador

2 Enclosures:

1. Translation of Note from Prime Minister, 8/12/58
2. Copy of Note to Prime Minister, 8/20/58

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From Benghazi

TRANSLATION

United Kingdom of Libya
Office of Prime Minister
Benghazi, August 12, 1958

Excellency:

As you are aware, the Middle East crisis and its development, which resulted in military intervention by the United States and Great Britain in each of Lebanon and Jordan, and the tense situation that ensued and the expected continuation of this crisis for another length of time, compelled the Libyan Government to take several measures to preserve law and order in the country, to protect foreign subjects, installations, and institutions, and to meet any eventualities with much determination and haste. These measures were resorted to despite the fact that the Government has complete control of the situation and is fully satisfied the situation is quiet and law and order prevail in the country.

Federal security forces and those of the three provinces are, as a result, in a continued state of emergency and the largest portion of members of police and officers are stationed in their barracks, which compells the Government to feed them and authorize the payment to them of special allowances. Army units are, in addition, being despatched to places, the security of which requires them to be there. This is in addition to the necessity to reinforce and strengthen the secret intelligence apparatus, to increase the quantity of POL for vehicles, and to incur new numerous and uninterrupted expenditures which the Government has to meet due to the present situation. Such expenditures are not provided for in the Libyan budget.

Due to the keen desire of the American Government for the prevalence of law and order in the country and as always to come to the aid of Libya in exceptional circumstances, I submit to you, Excellency, a request that you present this special situation in Libya to the friendly government of the United States of America, for whom we ask, due to our compelling financial circumstances, for an extraordinary assistance of one million dollars provisionally to enable us to meet the said expenditures and whatever expenditures may arise as a result of the international situation.

I am confident, Excellency, that the American Government will meet our request with complete apprehension and with the required speed imposed by the need and circumstances.

Pray, accept my highest consideration.

/s/ Abd alMajid Kubar
Prime Minister

The Honorable
John Wesley Jones,
Ambassador of the United States
of America in Libya,
Benghazi.

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Benghazi, August 20, 1958.

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note dated August 12, 1958, informing me of the measures required to be taken by the Government of Libya as a result of the Middle East crisis, and requesting extraordinary assistance from the United States Government, in the amount of $1 million, to meet the unforeseen expenditures connected with these measures.

I have referred this request to the Department of State for its consideration and expect to be in a position to discuss it with Your Excellency at an early date.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/s/ J. Wesley Jones

His Excellency

Abd al-Majid Kubar,

Prime Minister of the

United Kingdom of Libya,

Benghazi.

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